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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please cancel claims 1-44 and add the following new claims:

45. An articulated railway car capable of transporting automobiles in commercial rail service, said car comprising at least two units, each unit comprising a floor, a roof, a pair of upstanding side walls, a pair of end doors, and at least one upper deck spaced above the floor of the car so that automobiles may be supported on at least two levels;

each of said upstanding side walls comprising a plurality of substantially vertical posts supporting said at least one upper deck and roof, and

a plurality of side wall panels connected to said